



## **E-NEWSLETTER**

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**Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!**

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### **MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:**

Thanks to all who turned out for Monday's Working Committee of Council meeting where we welcomed ODNR's representative Geoffrey Westerfield who spoke about deer population management. If you were not on Facebook Live or in the audience, you certainly missed a great discussion on possible solutions for deer management in the City of Willoughby Hills. This was Council's first step in learning about ways we may be able to help residents solve their concerns. The link below will get you to the meeting to listen to Mr. Westerfield's presentation:

<https://www.facebook.com/100064541207751/videos/581195050132402/>

Our Service Department has begun work to prepare for the contractor's City Hall lot resurfacing project. They have taken out the island which had separated the first and second row of parking and extended the lot into the front grassy area. This extra eight feet will allow for more room between the rows and provide a safer environment for parking at City Hall. Removal of the island will rid the need for mowing and fall risks, which were good things to include in this project. We look forward to the contractors (for the City Hall lot and the concrete paving to be done in the driveway entrance) completing the work soon. We appreciate your patience to find parking areas in the back lot while we work through this construction.

Chardon Road resurfacing is winding down and it looks great. Thanks again to all of our residents who live in this area who were inconvenienced during this project. We appreciate your cooperation.

Thanks to Councilwoman Taylor Draper, Councilwoman Belich, resident Mark Belich, Darlene from Bishop Park Apartments and Pam D from Stratford Place who were in attendance at this week's County meeting where the grant funding for Community Development Block Grants were discussed. While the project we submitted (sidewalks from the Richmond Hts. border to Bishop Road) was not selected, I believe it to be a very worthwhile project for the economic development and safety in our city. Thanks to all those who worked so hard on this grant, including City Engineer Di Franco, Assistant City Engineer Trepal, Mark Grubiss, and Gloria Majeski. We are encouraging our residents who believe in this project to contact the County to seek funding either through their CDBG review process or with their American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for infrastructure. A recap of the process City Administration and City Council took on behalf of our residents is included later in this newsletter.

My staff is working hard on the planning of our city festival, Rock N Roll Day in WH set for Saturday, August 13. Please plan to sign up for the classic car show, cornhole tournament, volunteering, or just come and enjoy the festival. Hope to see you there!

Enjoy your week!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

### **SENIOR POTLUCK LUNCH**

**11:00 A.M. – Willoughby Hills Community Center – Senior Room**  
**Potluck or bring your brown bag!**

### **TRIVIA NIGHT IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS**

**Free event for ages 50 and over! Come join the fun!**

**7:00 P.M. – Willoughby Hills Community Center**

**Wednesday, July 20, 2022**

### **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING**

**10:00 A.M.**

### **MASTER PLAN MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

**Thursday, July 21, 2022**

### **PC-ABR MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

### **Willoughby Hills End of Summer Garage Sale Day**

**Saturday, August 6, 2022**

**Applications must be received by July 31.**

**Click on the link below to get your application!**

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/SUMMER%20GARAGE%20SALE%20APP%202022.2.PDF>

### **Rock N Roll Day in Willoughby Hills**

**Saturday, August 13, 2022**

**10 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

Featuring food, bands, kids' games, memorabilia tables, classic cars (link to register is: <https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/CAR%20SHOW%20APPLICATION%202022.pdf>

(limited # of cars accepted), cornhole tournament and more.

See the flyer at the end of this E-newsletter for more details.

We are still looking for participants for the Corn Hole Tournament, Car Show Display and volunteers. Please reach out to Gloria in the Mayor's Office or sign up on our Signupgenius.com app

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA9AF29A1F9C34-willoughby2>

Paula from WNCX has reached out to join us for the Michael Stanley Tribute which will kick off the festival at 10:00 a.m. Musician Mark Lee Shannon (who played with Michael's band and wrote the song that was part of Michael's eulogy) has also signed on to be part of this special tribute! Michael's daughter will be on hand to sell MSB memorabilia. Mayor Gardner will present our Michael Stanley memorabilia showcase which will be part of our Community Center for years to come to honor Michael's memory. Plan to be a part of the fun!

## **CITY NEWS:**

### **BLOCK PARTY INFORMATION:**

There's still time to plan a party for your block! Just fill out the Block Party application and get ready for some fun! Click on the link below to get started:

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/BLOCK%20PARTY%20APPLICATION.pdf>

### **SENIOR LUNCHEON REMINDER:**

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022 11:00 a.m.**

**Potluck or bring your brown bag!**

**Willoughby Hills Senior Room at the Community Center**

### **POWER OUTAGE UPDATE:**

Residents in the area of River Road experienced two power outages (one on 7/12/22 from 6:50 p.m. to 8:11 p.m. and a second one at 1:15 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. on 7/13/22. First Energy dispatched a crew immediately, finding that the incidents were a result of trees, once causing a fire when it landed on the line, necessitating the assistance of WHFD. City Administration will be meeting with First Energy in the near future and these incidents will be addressed. While First Energy has performed the normal forestry protocol, there may not be anything presented that will eliminate future incidents of this sort, but we will continue to advocate for our residents by meeting with First Energy. Residents will be advised of meeting results when complete.

### **IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT MEDICAL CARE IN OUR AREA:**

Inpatient, surgical and emergency services are set to be discontinued at University Hospitals Richmond and Bedford medical centers. University Hospital says an unprecedented staffing shortage is the reason for their decision. Services will be consolidated into Ahuja Medical Center and University Hospital Lake West. On August 12, 2022, University Hospitals will close the inpatient and emergency, radiology, laboratory, surgical and other ambulatory services at both UH Richmond and Bedford Medical Centers. Nearly 600 employees will be impacted, including 337 at Richmond and 280 at Bedford, but there will be no layoffs and all employees will be absorbed into other UH facilities. If you are one of these employees or know someone who is, please know that your work in the medical profession is truly appreciated and you are encouraged to continue serving the medical community in your new role. Best wishes to all affected by this recent news!



## **SNOW PLOW CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION:**

We are still working on an informational booklet for snow plow contractors which will help in their compliance with Council's recent ordinance that provides for all snow plow contractors who will be working in our City to be registered. There is a process through our Building Department that will have to be followed to get registered before they can work in our City. As a resident, please pass this information on to your contractor so it won't be a surprise once the snow flies. We will provide more information in an upcoming newsletter. Thank you.



### **RESIDENT AND EMPLOYEE NEWS...**

Sympathy to the family of Ron Erich of Erich Drive who passed away this week. Ron served as a volunteer firefighter/paramedic with the City of Willoughby Hills many years ago. He served his community well and will be missed. Please keep his wife Gail and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations to Firefighter Zach Martin on his 5-year anniversary with the City of Willoughby Hills. Mayor Gardner will be presenting him with this commemorative coin this week! Great job!

Congratulations to Caroline Gardner on taking First Place at World Twirling Association's National Championship in the Petite Beginner Division! Your trophy is awesome!

Keep up the good work!!

Congratulations to Lexi Nelson of Rosewood Trail who accepted a job in the banking industry in Irvine, Texas since her University of Michigan graduation! Her first job was here in Willoughby Hills as a Community Center monitor! How far this young girl has come! Congratulations!

### **STARK ROAD RESIDENTS...**

Please note that the City received a call from Pastor Davis of Willoughby Hills Friends Church to advise that on Sunday, July 17, the Church will be holding a special outside service that will necessitate "in" and "out" via Stark Drive during the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We regret that we did not have time to notify each household directly, but ask for your cooperation while the church uses Stark Drive as a safety measure during the event. Thanks so much!

## DOUBLECHECK FOR NOPEC OPTIONS:

The July rates for NOPEC gas and electric follow, but please take a moment to check your bills to see what option you have chosen and if may be time to review for a cheaper plan. Some of the options had increased considerably since the April numbers and it is good to keep an eye out for the best pricing. The following rate page is a good start.

### NOPEC RATES:

#### NOPEC RATES FOR GAS FOR JULY 2022:

Standard Plan  
\$5.990 per mcf

Monthly Variable Plan  
\$6.711 mcf

12-mo. Fixed Rate  
\$8.650 per mcf

24-mo. Fixed Rate  
\$7.750 per mcf

#### NOPEC RATES FOR ELECTRIC FOR JULY 2022:

Standard Plan  
12.000 cents per kWh

Monthly Variable Plan  
Closed to new enrollment

12-mo. Fixed Rate  
11.900 cents per kWh

24-mo. Fixed Rate  
10.900 cents per kWh

Standard Plan - Automatically enrolled unless you pick another option or opt out totally.

Monthly Variable - Guaranteed \$0.02/mcf less than Standard Option.

To enroll call 1-855-667-3201

12 & 24-month Fixed Term Products. To enroll call 1-855-667-3201.

Maple Hill Road residents please note: You are not able to enroll in NOPEC since NEOGAS is the unique supplier to your street only, based upon the gas line installation that occurred when the Maple Hill Development was put in! Thanks to the great E-newsletter reader who helped locate this information to help his neighbors!

Please see the note below that the Mayor received from NOPEC Executive Director Chuck Keiper which is a good explanation of the NOPEC rates and challenges with pricing.

## PAPER SHREDDING DATES & RECYCLING RESOURCES:

**Electronics Recycling Day:** Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 9 a.m. to noon at City Hall front parking lot. Rain or shine!

**Paper Shredding:** Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 9 a.m. to noon at City Hall front parking lot. No limit! No fees! Rain or shine!

Just a reminder, too, that the following items can also be recycled by taking them to the appropriate places listed below:

**Pop Tabs** - Ronald McDonald House (can at City Hall)

**Eyeglasses** - Lions Club (bin at City Hall)

**Pop Cans** - WH Fire Department (to benefit the Burn Unit)

**Old Flags** - VFW or the Scout Troops (at the Grange Building or City Hall)

## **CITY MAKES APPLICATION FOR SIDEWALKS ON CHARDON ROAD FROM THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS BORDER TO BISHOP ROAD :**

Well, we certainly get an “A” for effort! On behalf of the residents of the City of Willoughby Hills, members of the City Administration and City Council attempted funding from Lake County (Lake County Planning and Development) through a Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) for sidewalks on Chardon Road from the Richmond Heights border to Bishop Road. We were so pleased that the project qualified for funding because it met the income criteria for low to income residents in need.

On April 29, 2022, City Administration members Gloria Majeski and Denise Edwards participated in the mandatory CDBG conference with Lake County Planning and Development representatives. While the City had several projects that are currently on the City’s Capital Plan, none of the City infrastructure projects on the east side of the city qualified. The project, however, to install sidewalks on the west side was presented as a great project to: 1) promote economic development to the area, 2) make the City safer for residents and motorists in the area, and 3) eliminate the liability of a person using a wheelchair or walker in the street when they try to shop, dine, or seek medical care.

On May 12, 2022, Council adopted Resolution 2022-017 approving City Administration to submit a grant for the sidewalk project. The grant was written by Mayor’s Executive Assistant Gloria Majeski, with the assistance of City Engineer Pete DiFranco, to request \$449,225 in funding for the project. There was no match requirement for the City. Attached to the grant application were photos of individuals who were using walkers to get back to Willoughby Hills Towers after doing their shopping, walking in the parking lot area to go home. The team enthusiastically thought this would just help so much and, while the City would not have the funds to make this project a reality, the CDBG funds (which we had not requested since 2015 when the handicapped doors were installed at WHPD) would make such a difference.

On May 18, Administration members Gloria Majeski and Mark Grubiss met with Lake County Planning Commission representatives who were very helpful in the application process. We identified the price of approximately \$450,000 that we were looking to submit and were happy to learn that \$660,000 had been paid out for a project in 2021. We even thought that if \$450,000 was more than what could be paid out, we could look at paring down the project to do a lesser amount of the road. Unfortunately, we were never given that opportunity. On June 27, the list of proposed projects was published by Lake County Commissioners, and our project failed to make the list.

Lake County Commissioners held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 13, to present the proposed CDBG activities and receive citizen comments prior to submitting their plan to HUD. Councilwoman Taylor Draper spoke about the City’s proposed project and her request for some “clarity” as to why our project was not considered, or even in a pared-down format. She did a great job (with Councilwoman Belich, and resident Mark Belich, Darlene from Bishop Park Apartments, and Pam D from Stratford Place in attendance) to explain the need for this project. An alternative, she suggested, would be for the County Commissioners to allocate County American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to get this infrastructure done.

If residents want to weigh in on this suggestion, please feel free to reach out to:

Lake County Commissioners, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077, or via email at

[john.hamercheck@lakecountyohio.gov](mailto:john.hamercheck@lakecountyohio.gov) (Phone: 440-350-2754),

[john.plecnik@lakecountyohio.gov](mailto:john.plecnik@lakecountyohio.gov) (Phone 440-350-2882) and

[mark.tyler@lakecountyohio.gov](mailto:mark.tyler@lakecountyohio.gov) (Phone: 440-350-5812)

With your help perhaps we can make this project a reality! Thanks for your help!!



# Rock N Roll Day in Willoughby Hills

Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 10:00 am-10 pm  
Willoughby Hills Community Center,  
35400 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills  
**FREE EVENT! COME TOGETHER & JOIN THE FUN!**

10:00 A.M. – Tribute to Michael Stanley (at the Gazebo) with a special MSB memorabilia booth

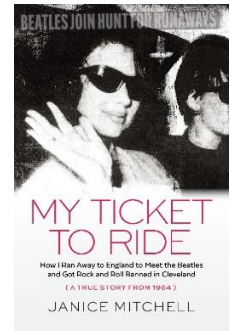
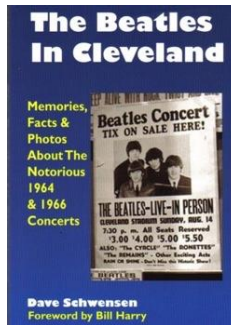


11:00 am – 8:00 pm – Food trucks open & fresh roasted sweet corn available!

11:00 am- 3:00 pm – Classic Car Show Display (Registration required if displaying a vehicle!)



1:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Corn Hole Tournament (pre-registration required)



1:00 pm-3:00 pm Live Entertainment by Sumrada (Center Stage!)

4:00 pm – “The Beatles in Cleveland” video presentation by Dave Schwensen (O’Ryan Room – Community Center, limited seating...come early!)

7:00 pm-9:00 pm Live Entertainment by Ricky & the Rockets (Center Stage!)

Other events:

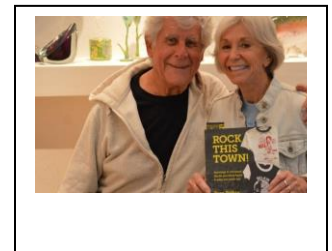
Kids’ Games Basket Raffles Souvenir Stand Beer

Rock N Roll Memorabilia on Display Rock N Roll Trivia Game

“My Ticket to Ride” Book signing by Janice Mitchell

“Rock This Town” Book signing by Fran Belkin

“Cleveland Rock N Roll Roots” program/book signing by Deanna Adams



This event is sponsored by the City of Willoughby Hills and WH Fall Corn Fest LLC.  
For more information, call Gloria in Mayor Gardner’s office at 440-918-8730 or email:

[gloriamajeski@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:gloriamajeski@willoughbyhills-oh.gov). Come together! Join the fun!

## WILLOUGHBY HILLS YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE FUNDRAISER:



### WILLOUGHBY HILLS YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION

## ATTENTION All Baseball and Memorabilia Fans

The Willoughby Hills Youth Sports Association is having a Fundraising Raffle:  
A Chance to Win a Signed Shane Bieber Jersey, or a Roger Dorn Jersey Signed by Corbin Bernsen

Order Your Tickets by Scanning the QR Code with your cell phone below  
or use the link for Your Chance to WIN:

<https://whysa.ticketspice.com/summer-2022>

Winners will be Drawn on August 13th, 2022 at the Willoughby Hills Rock N Roll Day City Festival  
(Willoughby Hills Community Center)

SCAN HERE



TO ENTER

\$10 = 1 Entry  
\$25 = 3 Entries

Ticket Sales will Close at 8:pm, August 13, 2022

SCAN HERE



TO ENTER



Signed Shane Bieber Jersey



Signed Roger Dorn Jersey  
by Corbin Benson



*Our Youth of Today are Our Leaders of Tomorrow*



# ROCK & ROLL DAY IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS



## CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT APPLICATION

**Sponsored by Fall Corn Fest, LLC**

**Saturday, August 13, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Our Rock N Corn Hole Tournament will begin at 1:00 p.m. **Teams should pre-register by completing the following application by mail prior to the event.** If over 24 teams apply, single elimination will be played. If less than 24 teams apply, double elimination will be played. Entrance fee is \$25 per team. The prize money (100% back to participants) is as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 50%,

2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 25%, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 15% and 4<sup>th</sup> Place = 10%.

Please return the Corn Hole Tournament Application form at the bottom of this page by July 13, 2022, to the following address: Willoughby Hills City Hall, Rock N Roll Day, 35405 Chardon Road,

Willoughby Hills, OH 44094. Complete details will be sent to all participants during the first week of August.

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### Rock N Corn Hole Tournament Application

2022 Willoughby Hills Fall Corn Fest

Team Name (It's okay to get creative here!): \_\_\_\_\_

Members of Team \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

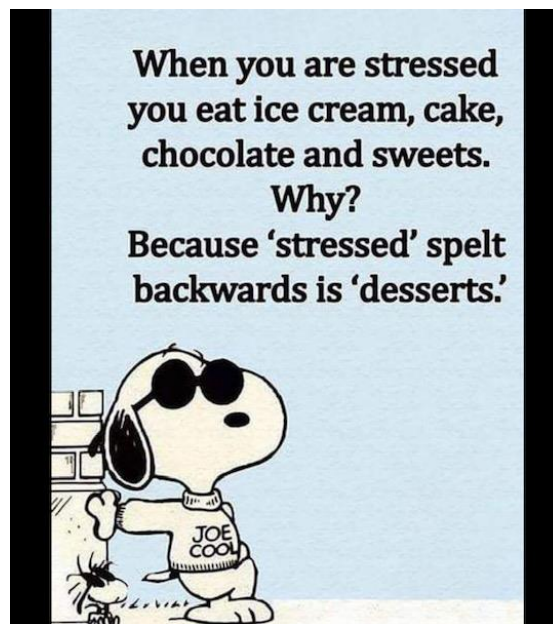
Entry fee is \$25. Please make check payable to: Willoughby Hills Fall Corn Fest, LLC, ATTN: Rock N Roll Day, 35405 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094. Entry is limited to a first come, first served basis. We reserve the right to refuse applications and return entrance fees once all slots have been filled.

## **SOME FINAL THOUGHTS....**

**SHOUT OUT TO OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT.....  
GREAT JOB ON THE CITY HALL FRONT PARKING LOT!!!**



**LEAVING YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT....**



**If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out:**

**City of Willoughby Hills, 35405 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094**

**440-918-8730 Mayor Gardner's Office**